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Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First—Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council was held on Wednesday, December 8, 2010, at 3:00 p.m., at Little Colorado Behavioral Health Center, 470 West Cleveland, St. Johns, Arizona 85936.

Vice Chair Meyer called the meeting to order at approximately 3:12 p.m. and welcomed everyone. Chair Barela led the meeting when he arrived.

Members Present:

Tom Barela (Arrived at 3:15 p.m.), Sheila Chairez (via phone; left at 4:30 p.m.), Michael Downs, Claude Endfield, Leslie Meyer, Margie Tapia, Cathy Taylor and Michael Zimmerman (via phone)

Members Absent: None

Others Present:

Earl Anderson, Kate Dobler-Allen, Rhonda Etsitty, AdiShakti Khalsa, Maureen Theobald, Mary Tyler and Peggy Wojtal

Member Reports and Updates

Member Tapia informed everyone that Melissa Webb (previous Chair of the Regional Council) lost her step-son to a car accident this past week.

Call to the Public

None

Disclosure of Conflicts

Members will disclose conflicts of interest prior to each funding plan item.

Discussion and Possible Adoption of November 10, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Regional Council reviewed the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 10, 2010, of the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council. Member Taylor moved that the Regional Council approve the minutes of the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council regular meeting, held on November 10, 2010. Member Downs seconded; the motion passed.

Regional Coordinator's Report

- a. **Monthly Report:** Coordinator Dobler-Allen shared the Regional Coordinator's report.
- b. **Operational Plan:** Coordinator Dobler-Allen stated there are no substantive changes to the Operational Plan; also, the approved funding plan strategies will be reflected on next month's report.
- c. **Community Outreach Liaison Update:** Coordinator Dobler-Allen reviewed Community Outreach Liaison Pansulla's report.

Adoption of 2011 Calendar of Regional Council Meetings

The following meeting dates were proposed for Calendar Year 2011 (3:00-6:00 p.m.):

January 12, Lakeside/Show Low	July 13, Snowflake
February 9, Snowflake	August 10, Eagar
March 9, Eagar	September 14, Holbrook
April 13, Holbrook	October 12, St. Johns
May 11, St. Johns	November 9, Lakeside/Show Low
June 8, Lakeside/Show Low	December 14, Snowflake

Member Endfield moved that the proposed meeting dates for Calendar Year 2011 be accepted. Member Downs seconded; the motion passed.

Presentation, Discussion and Possible Adoption of Home Visiting Strategy Changes for Fiscal Year 2011

Discussion was held regarding possible options; Chair Barela and Member Zimmerman offered to bring recommendations for implementation to the next meeting. Member Tapia motioned to table this discussion. Vice Chair Meyer seconded; the motion passed.

Discussion of Potential Barriers to Utilization of Professional Development Supports in the Navajo/Apache Region

Member Endfield and Ms. Rhonda Etsitty, Association for Supportive Child Care, discussed the issues around barriers to professional development in this region. Member Endfield and Ms. Etsitty reported that there is a general lack of clarity and understanding within the early care and education field with respect to the professional development supports available and their eligibility requirements, what they will provide, and how to access them. Additional barriers were identified related to the lack of support from employers, as well as from spouses/partners.

Member Chairez left the meeting.

Discussion and Possible Adoption of Fiscal Year 2012 Funding Plan

The members reviewed each of the strategies for the State Fiscal Year 2012 Funding Plan and made the following decisions:

a. Community-based Training

- i. Conflicts: Member Claude Endfield, Employment with Northland Pioneer College
- ii. Member Taylor moved that the Community-based Training strategy be funded at \$20,000 for State Fiscal Year 2012, with a target of 15 people completing 8 different series. Member Downs seconded; the motion passed.

b. Early Childhood Education/Early Childhood Development (ECE/ECD) Professional Development Scholarship

- i. Conflicts: None
- ii. Member Downs moved that the Navajo/Apache Early Childhood Education/Early Childhood Development Professional Development Scholarship strategy be funded at \$21,500 for State Fiscal Year 2012 with a target number of 10 participants. Member Taylor seconded; the motion passed.

c. T.E.A.C.H. Arizona

- i. Conflicts: None
- ii. Member Tapia moved that T.E.A.C.H. Arizona be funded at \$23,100 for State Fiscal Year 2012, with a target of 7 scholars. Vice Chair Meyer seconded; the motion passed.

d. Lab School

- i. Conflicts: None
- ii. Member Taylor moved that the Lab School Implementation strategy be funded at \$240,000 for State Fiscal Year 2012, with a target number of 15 participating adults. Member Endfield seconded; the motion passed.

e. Professional Career Pathways Project (PCPP)

- i. Conflicts: None
- ii. Member Tapia moved that the Professional Career Pathways Project (PCPP) strategy be funded at \$20,360 for State Fiscal year 2012, with a target number of 10 CDAs and 150 credit hours. Member Endfield seconded; the motion passed.

f. Director Mentoring

- i. Conflicts: Member Claude Endfield, Employment with Northland Pioneer College
- ii. Member Downs moved that the Director Mentoring strategy be funded at \$65,000 for State Fiscal Year 2012, with a target number of 4 participants. Member Tapia seconded; the motion passed.

g. First Things First Professional REWARD\$

- i. Conflicts: None
- ii. Member Endfield moved that the First Things First Professional REWARD\$ strategy be funded at \$25,000 for State Fiscal Year 2012, with a target number of 10 stipends. Member Taylor seconded; the motion passed.

h. Employer-sponsored Child Care

After reports by Ms. Sarah Murley (Applied Economics, Inc.), and confirmation by Member Zimmerman, it was determined there was not a strong need for this strategy in the region.

- i. Conflicts: None
- ii. Vice Chair Meyer moved that the Employer-sponsored Child Care strategy be defunded in State Fiscal Year 2012, but remain included in the funding plan as an unfunded strategy. Member Downs seconded; the motion passed.

i. Child Care Study

There are no regional funds allotted in State Fiscal Year 2012; therefore, there was no need for a vote.

j. Child Care/Quality First Scholarships

- i. Conflicts: None
- ii. Member Downs moved that the Child Care Quality First Scholarship strategy be funded at \$180,000 for State Fiscal Year 2012, to fund approximately 25 scholarships per month. Member Tapia seconded; the motion passed.

k. Kindergarten Transition

- i. Conflicts: Vice Chair Leslie Meyer, Employment with United Way of Northern Arizona
- ii. Member Taylor moved that the Kindergarten Transition strategy be adopted as a regionally funded strategy in State Fiscal Year 2012, with \$20,000 allotted to this strategy and a target number of 30 participating students. Member Tapia seconded; the motion passed.

Member Taylor left the meeting momentarily.

l. Child Care Health Consultant

Discussion was held regarding the need for current programmatic data, as well as a clear understanding of how this is being implemented within the region, to be presented at the January 2011 Regional Council meeting.

- i. Conflicts: None
- ii. Member Endfield moved that the Child Care Health Consultant strategy be funded at \$60,000 for State Fiscal Year 2012, with a target number of 15 centers or homes outside of Quality First. Member Tapia seconded; the motion passed.

m. Oral Health and Dental Varnish

- i. Conflicts: None
- ii. Member Downs moved that the Oral Health and Dental Varnish strategy be funded at \$61,000 for State Fiscal Year 2012, with a target number of 1200 varnish applications and a to-be-determined target number for health educator related work. Member Endfield seconded; the motion passed.

n. Healthy Steps

- i. Conflicts: Member Taylor, who has declared a conflict with this strategy previously, was not in the meeting.
- ii. Member Endfield moved that the Healthy Steps strategy be funded at \$152,000 for State Fiscal Year 2012, with a target number of 200 children to be served. Member Tapia seconded; the motion passed.

o. Nutrition Education

- i. Conflicts: None
- ii. Member Endfield moved that the Nutrition Education strategy be funded at \$104,500 for State Fiscal Year 2012, with a target number of 110 adults. Member Downs seconded; the motion passed.

p. Community-based Early Literacy

- i. Conflicts: None
- ii. Member Endfield moved that the Community-based Early Literacy strategy be funded at \$60,000 for State Fiscal Year 2012, with a target number of 110 adults. Vice Chair Meyer seconded; the motion passed.

q. Reach Out and Read

- i. Conflicts: None
- ii. Vice Chair Meyer moved that the early literacy support strategy currently funding Reach Out and Read be defunded in Fiscal Year 2012. Member Endfield seconded; the motion passed.

r. Home Visiting

- i. Conflicts: None

- ii. Member Downs moved that the total for State Fiscal Year 2012 budget for Home Visiting be \$100,000. Member Endfield seconded; the motion passed.

Member Taylor returned to the meeting.

s. Community Capacity Building

Significant discussion was held related to this strategy, which is ultimately intended to leverage outside funding into the Navajo/Apache Region.

i. Conflicts: None

ii. Member Endfield moved that the Community Capacity Building strategy proposed by staff be adopted into the State Fiscal Year 2012 funding plan and that it be funded at \$50,000, with target numbers to be determined.

Member Zimmerman seconded; the motion passed.

t. Communications

i. Conflicts: None

ii. Member Taylor moved that the communications plan, as presented in Scenario 1, be approved and funded at \$115,000 for State Fiscal Year 2012. Member Downs seconded; the motion passed.

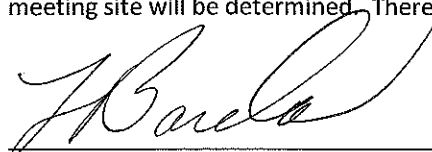
u. Regional Needs and Assets Report

i. Conflicts: None

ii. Member Downs moved that \$25,000 be allotted towards the Regional Needs and Assets Report due to be submitted to the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council in State Fiscal Year 2012 to purchase a more detailed report. Vice Chair Meyer seconded; the motion passed.

Adjournment

The next meeting of the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council will be held on Wednesday, January 12, 2011, at 3:00 p.m.; a meeting site will be determined. There being no further business, Chair Barela adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:50 p.m.



Thomas Barela, Chair



Kate Dobler-Allen, Regional Coordinator